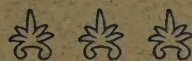


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Melbourne
20/2/99.

This is to certify that
on the 11th and 13th of
February 1899, I carefully
examined the nursery stock
of Mr. C. Nobelin of
Emerald, and find the
stock to be singularly
free from disease, and
in the best possible
condition.

J. French.
Govt. Entomologist
& Chief Inspector under
Vegetation Diseases Act.



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GENERAL REMARKS.

I HAVE much pleasure in presenting you with my SEVENTH CATALOGUE OF TREES, and avail myself of the opportunity to thank my Customers for the support accorded me during the last eight seasons, and shall do my best to merit a continuance of their favours and recommendation.

I continue to import New Varieties in Fruits, such as should be of superior merit, from the most reliable sources, and every possible care is taken to have same correct; but mistakes will sometimes happen, and, although I take no responsibility *re* new varieties, I wish that any of my Customers would inform me of any error in this respect. If possible such Trees will be replaced, as I do not wish my Customers to be the losers. Many varieties I am unable to fruit on account of the climate here being rather cold, and I have to depend on others in a more suitable climate to try them. I would take it as a great favour if any of my Customers would furnish me with a report on any new variety that they may have fruited, as this would greatly help me in recommending or discarding same, as the case may be.

My Nurseries are situated in Gembrook, close to Emerald. A conveyance leaves Narre Warren Railway Station on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, after the arrival of the first train from Prince's Bridge, passing within a few minutes' walk of the Nurseries, and returning to Narre Warren in time for the evening train. The Nurseries and Orchard are now over fifty acres in extent, and contain several hundred thousand trees in various stages; the soil is particularly suitable for producing nice fibrous-rooted trees, thus ensuring a safer removal to other places.

My stock of saleable trees this season is considerably over two hundred thousand, all being perfectly clean, healthy, free from all insect pests, and should give every satisfaction.

All trees are most carefully packed for transmission to any part of this or other colonies, so as to ensure their arrival in good order.

Orders will be booked at any time from now, and executed in the end of May or beginning of June. Every order is immediately executed on receipt of same, or acknowledged; if no reply be received within a few days, it may be assumed that the letter has miscarried.

The Prices quoted are for cash within one month of receipt of invoice.

Unknown Correspondents are kindly requested to remit with their orders, or to name a Melbourne reference.

Payments may be made by crossed cheque, bank draft, or post office order, the latter payable at Melbourne. Small amounts may be forwarded by postal notes or in stamps.

C. A. NOBELIUS.

GEMBROOK NURSERIES,

EMERALD, 1ST MARCH, 1899.



CATALOGUE.

ALMONDS.

Price, 12/- per dozen; £3/15/- per 100.

Brandes Jordan—A well-known variety of strong growth, very tender shell.

Early Jordan—An early variety of the "Paper Shell."

Hawthorn Seedling—Medium size, good bearer, strong grower.

I.X.L.—A very good variety from California, large nuts, perfect shell.

Nonpareil—A heavy and regular bearer, with very thin shell.

Paper Shell—Very good, easily broken between the fingers.

Sultana—Medium size, fruit well flavoured, shell tender.

NEW ALMONDS.

Price, 2/6 each or 24/- per dozen.

Burbank's Seedling—A new variety, direct from Luther Burbank; tree extremely hardy and a great bearer; recommended as one of the best for this climate, and flowers much later than other sorts.

Golden State—Originated in California; described as a great and regular bearer; large, with a full, smooth-skinned kernel and a soft shell.

Lewelling—Also a Californian seedling; tree a thrifty grower and enormous bearer; fine, soft shell.

APPLES (GENERAL COLLECTION).

All on Blight-proof Stocks and perfectly clean.

Price, 12/- per dozen or £3/15/- per 100.

Adams' Pearmain—First-class dessert, one of the best; late.

Allsopp's Beauty—A late apple of great beauty; deep crimson colour, covered with bluish bloom; it is a good dessert and cooking variety; strong grower and blight proof, with me a shy bearer.

APPLES (CONTINUED).

- Alfriston**—A large cooking apple and a splendid keeper; late.
- Annie Elizabeth**—An excellent culinary apple for winter use; late.
- Armored**—A dessert apple of highest quality; late.
- Atalanta**—A valuable mid-season variety, medium to large, yellow-red streaks on one side; culinary and dessert.
- Baldwin**—Very hardy, late bearer, first-class dessert; late.
- Beaumann's Red Winter Reinette**—Exceedingly handsome; late.
- Beatrice**—
- Ben. Davis**—Excellent market variety, dessert; late.
- Blenheim Orange**—A large culinary and dessert apple; late.
- Blondin**—Handsome and a good keeper; late.
- Boston Russet**—One of the best of the russet class, fine flavour; late.
- Bowmont Beauty**—Medium size, cooking and dessert, good grower, heavy bearer; medium to late.
- Brownlee's Russet**—An excellent late apple, suitable either for cooking or dessert.
- Caville Blanche d'Hiver**—A valuable cooking and dessert apple; very late.
- Cellini**—Dessert and cooking, a good bearer; medium.
- Chandler**—A large dessert and cooking apple; late.
- Cleopatra**—A splendid apple in some districts; late.
- Clifden**—
- Cooper's Market**—A good keeping dessert apple, very productive; late.
- Cornish Gilliflower**—Large, remarkable for its rich and aromatic flavour; late.
- Coxes' Orange Pippin**—Grand dessert, flavour excellent; late.
- Crow's Egg**—Constant bearer, good colour; late.
- Devonshire Quarrenden**—A highly coloured apple; early.
- Dr. Hogg**—A large culinary apple, strong grower, and early bearer; late.
- Duchess of Oldenburgh**—Very handsome, good market variety; early.
- Duke of Clarence**—
- Dumelow's Seedling**—A first-rate culinary apple, much used for jelly-making; late.
- Early Margaret**—The earliest of all, but will not keep.
- Emperor Alexander**—An excellent large culinary apple, and a good market variety; early.
- Esopus Spitzenberg**—A most beautiful apple, richly flavoured; late.
- Fearn's Pippin**—A splendid apple for all purposes; late.
- Five Crown Pippin**—(See London Pippin).
- Foxwhelp**—One of the best cider apples; medium.
- Frampton**—A very pretty apple, dessert; late, and keeps well.
- French Crab**—A popular market sort, keeps long; late.
- Golden Ball**—A fine golden-coloured apple; late.

APPLES (CONTINUED).

Golden Reinette—This is the best of all the export apples, being very pretty, keeps well, of first-class flavour, and a heavy bearer; being subject to the woolly aphid, the tree requires to be kept clean; medium.

Golden Russet—An excellent dessert apple; late.

Golden Spire—This is one of the finest early cooking apples, in use from middle of December to March; an early and regular bearer.

Gooseberry—One of the latest cooking varieties; late.

Gott's Seedling—A seedling from Dumelow's Seedling, heavy bearer; late.

Gravenstein—A splendid apple, good flavour and colour; early.

Herefordshire Beefing—Small, but very heavy for its size, a fine culinary apple; late.

Hoary Morning—Handsome and good; early.

Hoover—A beautifully coloured apple, keeps well; late.

Irish Peach—Good bearer, and does not blight; early.

John Toon—A nice dessert apple; medium.

Jonathan—A most beautiful fruit for all purposes; medium.

Jupp's Surprise—A very early apple; keeps and carries well.

Kentish Fillbasket—An excellent culinary variety; medium.

Kentucky Redstreak—A good apple, but liable to spot; late.

Keswick Codlin—A valuable early culinary apple.

King of the Pippins—Very handsome, fine flavour, dessert; late.

King of Tompkins County—A large and handsome apple, dessert and cooking; late.

Kirk's Admirable—A good cooking apple; medium.

Lady Daly—

Lady Henniker—Fine, large, and regular bearer, cooking and dessert; medium.

Lane's Prince Albert—Richly flavoured, great bearer; late.

Lang's Best—Fruit medium size, covered all over with dark crimson; flesh white, juicy, and briskly flavoured; a very handsome apple, and keeps well; in use from April to October.

Late Aromatic—Large, fine flavour, keeps well; late.

Linwood's Everlasting—

London Pippin—One of the very best apples for all purposes; late.

Lord Nelson—A large culinary apple; medium.

Lord Suffield—A splendid cooking apple, heavy bearer; early.

Lord Wolseley—Heavy bearer, good cooking and dessert; late.

Lucombe's Seedling—Large cooking apple; medium.

Magg's Seedling—A showy apple, blight-proof; late.

Maiden's Blush—A beautiful culinary apple; medium.

Mann—Large, deep yellow, good bearer, and keeps well; late.

Mellon's Seedling—Medium size, good colour, flavour excellent; late.

APPLES (CONTINUED).

Morgan's Seedling—A very heavy bearer, small fruit, keeps well, good flavour; late.

Mother—A beautiful and fine-flavoured dessert apple; late.

Mr. Gladstone—Handsome and good, but will not keep; early.

Munroe's Favourite—One of the best for all purposes; late.

Newman's Seedling—A very large apple, beautifully striped, and good bearer; late.

Nickajack—Large and handsome, cooking or dessert; late.

Northern Spy—A splendid dessert apple; late.

Peasgood's Nonsuch—A magnificent apple of enormous size; medium.

Perfection (Shepherd's)—A very handsome dessert variety; late.

Pomme de Neige—Flesh white, a fine market apple; late.

Prince Alfred—A very large apple of recent introduction, first-class either as a dessert or cooking, will keep for eight months; medium.

Prince Bismarck—A splendid, large, and well-coloured apple, one of the best market sorts; medium.

Prince of the Pippins—A beautiful dessert apple, and very heavy bearer; medium.

Red Astrachan—A very early, highly coloured, soft-fleshed apple; early.

Red Bietigheimer—A large, handsome, early-autumn apple.

Rose Hill—

Reinette du Canada—A large popular apple, combining many good qualities; late.

Ribston Pippin—A well-known dessert variety; medium.

Rokewood (Bullock's Seedling)—A highly coloured colonial-raised apple, and probably the best keeping variety of all; late.

Rome Beauty—A beautiful late apple, and heavy bearer, one of the best.

Rymer—Skin red, an old favourite, long keeper; late.

Sam. Young—A delicious little dessert apple; late.

Scarlet Nonpareil—A handsome, good keeping, dessert variety; late.

Scarlet Permain—One of the prettiest apples grown, good dessert; medium.

Schroeders—Dessert and cooking, a fine variety, raised by Mr. E. Schroeders, Castlemaine.

Selector—A first-class late apple.

Schockley—A very pretty, highly coloured apple of good keeping qualities; late.

Shoreland Queen—A very beautiful dessert apple; medium.

Stone Pippin—A well-known apple, and one of the best where it does well; late.

Strathden—A beautiful apple of colonial origin; medium.

Sturmer Pippin—A constant bearer, good dessert, and a long keeper; late.

The Queen—In England this is considered one of the most beautiful varieties grown, cooking and dessert; late.

APPLES (CONTINUED).

Thomson's Long Keeper—

Twenty Ounce—A very large culinary apple; medium.

William Anderson—A very pretty dessert apple, above medium size, good flavour, and keeps well, tree blight-proof; late.

William's Favourite—A very handsome cooking apple; early.

Winter Majetin—A good cooking apple, blight proof; late.

Winter Peach—Medium size, cream colour, flesh very tender and juicy, with fine acidity, a valuable cooking apple, and keeps well; late.

Winter Strawberry—A useful, late keeping variety, dessert; late.

Yates—An exceedingly handsome dessert apple; late.

APPLES.**New and of Recent Introduction.**

Price—1/6 each, or 15/- per dozen; except those Priced.

Albury Park Nonsuch—A large, heavy apple of first-rate quality as a culinary apple, and a good keeper. The tree is vigorous, and an enormous cropper. Award of Merit from the Royal Horticultural Society, England. 2/- each.

Bielo Borodawka—Fruit clear yellow and pale rose, red striated on the sunny side, very large and prolific, supposed to be an improvement on "Emperor Alexander;" medium. 2/6 each.

Early Richmond—Medium size, good flavour, and a prolific bearer. Tree robust grower, with large leaves resembling "Red Astrachan," blight-proof; early, 2/- each.

Early Rivers—Tree robust and prolific, fruit of excellent flavour, ripening a week earlier than "Lord Suffield," and said to be much superior to that apple; early, 2/6 each.

England's Glory—A very handsome red-cheeked apple, from Kent, free grower, and a great bearer, a first-class dessert apple.

Fall Beauty—Large, beautiful, waxy-yellow, an excellent culinary apple; blight-proof. 2/- each.

Forth's Gippslander—A handsome large variety, and can be used either for cooking or dessert. 2/- each.

Framboise d'Holovous (Holovous' Raspberry Apple)—one of the best Bohemian varieties. Fruit, yellow, with a crimson cheek, flesh white, striped with red; melting, juicy, with a strong flavour of Raspberries. Tree vigorous and prolific; late, 2/6 each.

Glowing Coal—A large, very highly coloured apple. 2/- each.

Hambling's Seedling—Large, pale, flushed with rose. The flavour is very good, being suitable for dessert, cooking, or making jelly. Raised by Major W. J. Hambling, of Dunstable, England, and is believed to be a seedling from "Peasgood's Nonsuch." 2/- each.

APPLES, NEW AND OF RECENT INTRODUCTION (CONTINUED).

- Ivanhoe**—A valuable late-keeping apple. Fruit, medium to large size; colour, when ripe, light golden yellow, excellent quality, crisp, juicy and sprightly. 2/6 each.
- Kooroochiang**—A colonial seedling, raised by Mr. R. Whatmore, of Smeaton; it is a strong grower, said to be a great bearer and a good keeper. 2/- each.
- Lady Carrington**—Beautiful bright red, very prolific, and said to be blight-proof; early. 2/- each.
- McIndoe's Russet**—The fruit is large and rather flattened, with prominent ribs, of a brown russet colour, and of excellent flavour. The tree is of moderate growth, and an excellent bearer. 2/- each.
- McMahon's White**—A new variety, very hardy, and one of the best apples of American origin yet introduced. The fruit is large, well shaped, with white flesh, fine grained, and of excellent quality. The trees bear young, and are vigorous, healthy, and productive, said to be a first-class market variety, and blight-proof; medium. 2/6 each.
- Mammoth Black Twig**—Vigorous grower, and very hardy; fruit very large, many specimens measuring 12 inches in circumference; colour, dark red; flesh, firm, long keeper. 2/- each.
- Newton Wonder**—Large, well-coloured, perfect form, splendid cooking quality; tree vigorous and very productive; one of the best late apples.
- Paragon**—The tree bears very young, and is productive. Fruit, large, roundish, somewhat flattened, dark red; flesh, firm, yellow, crisp, aromatic, sub-acid, and juicy; it is a very late keeper, and of excellent quality. 2/6 each.
- Rambourg de Winnitza**—Very large, said to weigh up to 2 lbs., skin yellow, sometimes striped with crimson, flesh firm, juicy, vinous, very late variety; tree of pyramid growth. 2/6 each.
- Santa Clara King**—A large roundish apple with yellow skin and red blush on the exposed side, flesh very crisp and juicy; good for all purposes; a good market variety; early. 2/6 each.
- Sharp's Early**—Raised by Mr. H. E. Sharp. Perfectly blight-proof as far as tested. Fruit of medium size and most handsome appearance. Yellow ground, covered with red and crimson stripes. Tree, a regular and heavy cropper. Ripens early in January. One of the best early dessert apples. 2/- each.
- Sharp's Late Red**—A new variety, raised by Mr. H. E. Sharp. It is a vigorous grower, hardy, and prolific; fruit, large; flesh, yellow; firm, juicy, melting, with a rich aromatic flavour. Colour, bright red on yellow ground, mottled and streaked with dark crimson. In season from June to December. An invaluable variety for any collection. The parent tree is nine years old, and has shown no signs of woolly aphid. 2/6 each.
- Springdale**—Is one of Stark Bros. finest late-keeping apples; size, very large; colour, brightest red; tree, hardy, good grower with dark green foliage, and said to be a regular and heavy cropper; this new variety is very promising, and has been the winner of many prizes; tree is blight proof. 2/6 each.

APPLES, NEW AND OF RECENT INTRODUCTION (CONTINUED).

Taunton—Large, conical, yellow, with dark red cheek; flesh, yellow, crisp, highly flavoured; tree, productive and vigorous; medium. 2/6 each.

Whiney's Late Red—Large, deep red, resembling "Ben. Davis," but of much better quality; good grower; a valuable long keeper and export apple. 2/6 each.

APRICOTS.

On Seedling Apricot Stocks.

Price—12/- per dozen, £3/15/- per 100; except those priced.

Alsace—Large, pale orange, rich, and good; medium,

Beauge—Medium size, good colour, and very fine flavour; heavy bearer; medium.

Belle de Toulouse—Large, rich, and good; late.

Campbellfield Seedling—Fine golden yellow, an excellent variety for jam-making, hardy and good bearer; medium.

Canino Grosse—Large, bright orange; a hardy apricot of good quality; medium.

Dundonald—Large, orange, very rich, and late.

Early Golden—A somewhat small fruit, but very early, and on that account likely to bring better prices than later and finer apricots. It is a rich yellow, very productive and sweet. 1/6 each.

Gourlay—A new Californian seedling of large size and good flavour, of a rich yellow colour; it is considered a very valuable variety, being largely planted where known. 2/6 each.

Hative d'Auvergne—Highly flavoured, good grower; early.

Hemskirke—Bright orange, tender, rich, and juicy, an excellent bearer; medium.

Kaisha—A richly flavoured variety; early.

Large Early—A fine early apricot of excellent flavour.

Large Red—Deep orange red, a hardy variety of the peach apricot; medium.

Luizette—Very large fruit, rich, and highly flavoured. It was raised by M. Luizet, of Lyons. For fine size, good quality, and vigor of growth it is unsurpassed. It is also an abundant and regular bearer.

Mansfield Seedling—Very large, one of the finest grown; late.

Montgament—Fruit medium size, juicy, and agreeably acid; good for preserving; early.

Moorpark—A well-known apricot of great excellence; medium.

Mrs. Hart—A variety from Queensland, good cropper. 1/6 each.

Oullin's Early Improved—A very fine early apricot, said to be an improvement on "Oullin's Early Peach Apricot."

APRICOTS (CONTINUED).

Oullin's Early Peach—A large fruit of most delicious flavour, one of the best early apricots.

Peach—Large, oval, juicy, and sugary, somewhat musky flavour; medium.

Pennant Hill Oval—Large, oval, sweet, and very prolific.

Pine Apple—Large, rich, and of beautiful colour; late.

Precoce de Victoria—

Precoce de Wunnie—A seedling of "Oullin's Early Peach," which it resembles, but ripens earlier.

Roman—Medium size, pale yellow, very hardy, suitable for cool districts; medium.

Rouge (*syn.* Angoumois)—Small, deep yellow, red on the sunny side, good flavour; early.

Royal—Large, one of the best for drying; medium.

Royal George—Large, deep orange, one of the finest for preserving; late.

Sardinian—A very early small apricot of good flavour, strong grower, and a heavy bearer.

Shipley's—Deep yellow, an early productive variety.

St. Ambrose—Large, rich, and good; medium.

Twyford Seedling—Good bearer; late.

CHERRIES.

Price—12/- per doz.; or £3/15/- per 100.

Archduke—Fruit larger than "May Duke," dark red when fully ripe, juicy, sweet and briskly flavoured.

Bedford Prolific—Large, handsome, black, a good market variety; medium.

Belle d'Orleans—Red, tender and juicy; early.

Belle Ellen (*syn.* Wilk's Seedling)—Large, deep glossy black, first-class cherry; medium.

Bigarreau, Christy's—A large midseason cherry, of colonial origin; medium.

„ **Cleveland**—Bright red and yellow, richly flavoured; medium.

„ **Common**—Large fine, and good bearer, pale red; medium.

„ **d'Hollande**—Bright red, firm flesh, and prolific; late.

„ **Early Black**—A splendid black cherry; early.

„ **Frogmore**—Large, pale yellow and red, juicy, and of excellent flavour; early.

CHERRIES (CONTINUED).

- Bigarreau, Gros Cœuret**—Large, dark red, flesh firm; medium.
- „ **Late Mottled**—A first-class late cherry.
- „ **Monstrueux de Mezel**—A very large handsome cherry, of excellent quality; medium.
- „ **Napoleon**—Large, bright red, firm; late.
- „ **Red**—A fine large red cherry; medium.
- „ **Riverchon**—Large, dark red, almost black; late.
- „ **Rockport**—A delicious, soft-fleshed cherry; early.
- „ **Turkey**—Large, red and yellow, heavy bearer; medium.
- „ **Twyford**—Pale yellow and red, of first-class quality; early.
- Black Bohemian**—A large fine black cherry, and first class for market; medium.
- „ **Eagle**—Medium size, a very heavy and regular bearer; medium.
- Black Republican**—A black variety of medium size, a most prolific bearer; medium.
- „ **Tartarian**—Large, black, strong grower, and very prolific, good market variety; medium.
- Eagle's Seedling**—A fine black cherry, ripening about the same time as the common "Bigarreau," when black cherries are scarce; medium.
- Early Lyons**—Black, firm flesh, and large; early.
- „ **Purple Guigne**—A delicious black cherry, large, and early.
- „ **Red Guigne**.
- „ **Rivers**—A splendid black cherry; early.
- Florence**—Large, very firm, a heavy bearer, late, and first-class market cherry.
- Heart of Midlothian**—Large, nearly black, flesh tender and rich; early.
- Kentish**—Good for cooking and preserving; medium.
- Knight's Early Black**—Large and heavy bearer; early.
- Lewelling**—An American seedling from "Black Tartarian," of great merit; fruit deep rich cherry colour, and fine flavoured; late.
- Louis the 18th**—A large, late, black, firm-fleshed cherry.
- May Duke**—Large, brownish-black; early.
- Montmorency**—An early cherry of the "Morello" class, said to be a week earlier than the "Kentish" cherry.
- Morello**—A cooking cherry; late.
- Ox Heart**—A large handsome cherry, dark red, flesh firm, with a brisk and pleasant flavour; medium.
- St. Marguerite**—Very large, black, firm, one of the best market varieties; late.
- Toronto**—
- Werder's Early Black**—A fine black cherry, heavy bearer, and fine flavour; early.
- Windsor**—Very large, dark red, nearly black, very firm; late.

CHERRIES—New and Recently Introduced.

Price, 2/- to 2/6 each.

Chapman—Introduced from California, a seedling of "Black Tartarian," larger and finer, a better bearer, and—what constitutes its great value—much earlier, ripens immediately after "Purple Guigne." 2/6 each.

Centennial—A Californian seedling of the largest size and highest excellence; tree most vigorous and robust, hardy grower, and prolific bearer.

Francis Moss.

Olivet—A large, globular, shining, deep red; tender, rich, and vinous, the best of the "Duke" tribe.

Oregon—A new seedling cherry from Oregon. Very large, colour reddish purple, flesh firm and sweet; very late; a great acquisition.

Ramon Oliva—A beautiful variety, dark red, glossy, flesh firm, sweet and fine; very early and prolific. 2/6 each.

Royal Duke (Donna Maria)—Large and handsome, deep shining red, tender, juicy, and very rich; medium.

NECTARINES.

Price—12/- per dozen, or £3/15/- per 100; except those Priced.

Albert Victor—A very large handsome fruit, very juicy, with a brisk and sprightly flavour; medium.

Byron (Rivers)—A late orange nectarine, flavour rich and excellent, extra large and handsome, heavy cropper. A great acquisition to this desirable class. 1/6 each.

Early Rivers—This new nectarine must rank among the most important fruits yet raised, and is bound to take the lead in its section. It is described as a heavy and certain cropper; fruit of largest size; skin rich crimson on side next sun, light yellow marked with red on shaded side; flesh is tender, juicy, and very rich, with a decided "Stanwick" flavour. The most remarkable point is its extreme earliness; this, with its handsome appearance, makes it most valuable for market. 1/6 each.

Elruge—Medium size, melting, juicy and richly flavoured; early.

Fairchild's White—Fruit rather small, a great bearer; early.

Goldoni—A fine dark-coloured variety of excellent flavour.

Hunt's Tawny—Pale orange and deep red, rich and juicy; early.

Irrewarra—Medium or above medium, highly coloured and of good flavour, a freestone, and very early.

Mrs. Dr. Chisholm—A very early variety, ripe in the beginning of December.

Red Roman—Large, yellow and red, rich; juicy, and highly vinous; medium.

Shorland Tawny—A fine variety and good flavour; medium.

Stanwick—Large, quality first-class; late.

Victoria Rivers—Very large, good quality, and a heavy bearer.

White Slipstone—Large, with a slight tinge of red next the sun, very juicy and fine flavour; early.

NEW NECTARINE.

Goldmine—This Nectarine I imported from Messrs. D. Hay & Son, of Auckland, New Zealand, and give their description of same:—"A chance seedling, that originated in the garden of Mr. Lundon, of Parnell. The original tree, growing in an open and exposed situation, first attracted our attention by its extreme hardiness, beautiful foliage, vigorous, sturdy, and upright growth. From subsequent observations, we have no hesitation in recommending this remarkable new seedling nectarine as superior to all others for productiveness, and all round good qualities. The fruit is of enormous size, larger than any nectarine we have hitherto seen, several specimens gathered this summer measuring as much as 9 x 7 inches. It is a perfect freestone, the pit or stone being extremely small for so large a fruit. The flesh is a beautiful cream colour, tender, juicy, melting, and sugary, and of most delicious flavour. Colour, bright bronzy red; season of ripening, last week of February. The flowers are large, resembling those of 'Early Rivers.' Habit of tree extremely vigorous, and most symmetrical in growth and appearance, with very large dark-green leaves. Another good feature in its growth is that there are no blind buds. We cannot speak too highly of this grand new variety, but we predict that this local seedling will take the place amongst nectarines that 'Burbank' does amongst plums." Strong, sturdy trees, well branched, 2/6 each.

PEACHES.

All my Peaches are worked on Seedling Peach Stocks.

Price; 12/- per dozen, or £3/15/- per 100.

- Alexander's Early**—Very fine quality, and highly coloured.
Alexandra Noblesse—Richly flavoured, tender, and juicy; early.
Amsden's June—Highly coloured, good flavour; very early.
Arkansas Traveller—A first-class early peach, similar to "Briggs' Red May."
Barnard's Early—Medium to large; yellow and purplish-red; flesh yellow, red at the stone; juicy, sweet, and rich; hardy, and a heavy bearer.
Bonanza—A magnificent large freestone peach; very late; has a rich red cheek, white flesh, fine quality, productive, and a vigorous grower; a valuable acquisition as a late peach.
Bower's Early—A very attractive and useful variety, one of the best of the second early kind.
Briggs' Red May—Very early, highly coloured, rich and juicy.
Burton's Newington—Fine flavour; medium.
Camden Excellent—One of the finest late peaches.
Chair's Choice—A late yellow-fleshed variety, of largest size; deep yellow with red cheek; flesh firm, and quality unsurpassed either as a dessert fruit or canned; ripens with "Salway."

PEACHES (CONTINUED).

- Comet**—Very large, yellow flesh, a fine canning peach; late.
- Conkling**—A splendid yellow-fleshed peach; very hardy and prolific; good for canning; medium.
- Crimson Beauty**—A valuable cling-stone peach with white flesh; skin creamy yellow, with one-half the surface covered with bright crimson; said to be very hardy and productive: ripens end of February.
- Downing**—Dark red, very richly flavoured; early.
- Dr. Hogg**—Large, early, good flavour, strong grower.
- Duke of Edinburgh**—Nicely coloured and very productive; late.
- Early Crawford**—A splendid yellow and crimson coloured peach, good for canning or dessert; medium.
- „ **Rivers**—A most delicious peach, white, with red where exposed to the sun. This is a very heavy cropper in all districts.
- „ **Silver**—Creamy white, delicately coloured on the exposed side; large and constant bearer; tree very dwarf.
- Elberta**—A splendid mid-season peach, and spoken of in highest terms by *The American Garden*. It is a large, handsome peach, well coloured in the sun, yields heavy crops, and carries well.
- Ford's Late**—This is said to be the latest of all the white freestone peaches, and a most valuable market variety.
- Foster**—This is considered one of the best peaches of American origin, and before all others for drying and canning; large, deep orange red, with rich colour on the exposed side, flesh yellow, rich, and juicy; freestone; a few days earlier than "Early Crawford."
- Fox's Seedling**—Of good size and fine quality, white flesh, red cheek, and carries well.
- French Gallande**—A fine highly-coloured peach of good flavour, ripe end of February.
- Globe**—This is one of the largest, most delicious peaches of the age; it is a golden yellow, with beautiful red cheeks, is a freestone of the largest size, with firm yellow flesh, pleasant, rich, and juicy, globular in form, with good keeping qualities, and an enormous bearer.
- Haine's Early**—Medium size, good flavour.
- Hale's Early**—A really first-class peach in every way, and always brings the top price in the market.
- High's Early Canada**—A very early peach of greatest excellence, ripening same time as "Brigg's Red May," but a better bearer.
- Improved Flat China**—An improvement on "Flat China;" very early.
- Jones' Early**—Very fine colour, rich flavour.
- Kerr's Seedling**—A splendid large hardy variety; late.
- Keyport White**—A large white peach, with red cheek, very prolific and popular.

PEACHES (CONTINUED).

Lady in Gold—This is a handsome, large, and attractive variety, and is desirable not only for market but for the home garden, being one of the best in quality of any of the yellow-fleshed peaches; it is highly coloured and a freestone, ripening immediately after "Hale's Early."

Lady Palmerston—Similar to "Comet;" late.

Large Early York—A fine large early peach, good flavour.

Lemon Cling—A large lemon-coloured clingstone peach, good for canning.

Lovett's White—Mr. J. T. Lovett says:—"This peach has every quality demanded in the ideal white peach. It has the size and all the merits of the 'Heath Cling,' with the additional one of being a perfect freestone." Season late, colour pure white, very large, strong grower, hardy and prolific.

Mary's Choice—A large and beautiful yellow peach of the highest quality, ripening a little after "Early Crawford;" medium.

Merchant Campbell—Large and good; medium.

Merrie Merrie—Large, good colour and rich; medium.

Morris' White—Large oval, skin creamy white, melting, juicy, rich and sweet; medium.

Mountain Rose—A medium size hardy peach of good quality; medium.

Muir—A large freestone peach, one of the best for canning and drying. It is a good bearer and strong grower, a most useful variety; late.

Old Mixon (Freestone)—Large, good flavour and handsome; late.

Powell's Beauty—A beautiful large yellow freestone peach with deep red cheek. Mr. Powell, in whose garden it originated, has picked from the tree peaches which weighed 12 ounces. It is of delightful flavour, and keeps well.

Pratt—Fruit large and handsome, nearly covered with rich red, flesh yellow, of the highest quality; medium.

Prince of Wales—An excellent large peach; late.

Prize—A large yellow freestone of good quality, a profitable late variety and very popular where known.

Reed's Early Golden—An improvement on "Crawford's Early," with which it ripens. It is larger and handsomer, and a very reliable and heavy bearer.

Reeves' Favourite—Large, yellow with red cheek; flesh yellow, red at the stone; ripens a few days after "Crawford's Early;" flavour excellent; medium.

Roser—One of the hardiest and best late peaches ever introduced, a perfect freestone of the best quality; rich, meaty and juicy, with a mild sub-acid, and when cooked or canned has no superior. The fruit is large and somewhat oblong, with a beautiful flush on one side.

Royal George—A well-known variety, one of the best; medium.

„ „ (Clingstone)—Large, rich and handsome; medium.

„ „ (English)—Large, good colour, and highly flavoured; medium.

PEACHES (CONTINUED).

Ruding's Late—White with bright red cheek, juicy and highly flavoured, very productive and popular, one of the best, a regular and heavy bearer.

Salway—Flesh deep yellow, similiar to an apricot; late.

Saunders—Richly flavoured and highly coloured; early.

Sellor's Clingstone—A good canning peach; late.

Shipley's Red—This is one of the most beautiful of early peaches, and very popular where known. The fruit is of large size and fine appearance; flesh white with beautiful blush; tree vigorous and very productive.

Susquehana—Fruit very large, colour rich yellow with red cheek, an excellent variety; medium.

Troth's Early Red—A medium-sized 'peach, red and white; flesh rich and excellent. It ripens shortly after "Early Rivers," and carries well.

Thurber—A promising variety. The tree is healthy and vigorous; fruit large; skin creamy-white, shaded and mottled with pale red and carmine when fully exposed; flesh white, a little red at the stone; fine grained, very juicy, rich and delicious; a freestone. Ripe two weeks after "Early Crawford."

Wager—A large yellow peach, shaded with red; flesh yellow, and excellent when cooked. It has been pronounced by experts to be the most delicious sort when canned. The tree is hardy and prolific; fruit juicy, and of fine flavour; medium.

Ward's Late—A large freestone peach; white flesh, rich, juicy, and excellent flavour; a popular and reliable variety.

Waterloo—A medium-sized peach, dark red, melting, and richly flavoured; early.

Wheatland—A large yellow freestone. It ripens a little later than "Late Crawford," and is one of the hardiest of peaches, firm, juicy, and of good quality.

Wilder—Rich red colour, fine flavour; early.

Wilkin's Cling—A seedling of "Heath Cling," and ripening at same time, largest size; flesh white, sugary, rich and delicious.

Wonderful—This peach has been awarded first premium and special prize of silver medal in America. Mr. Lovett, the introducer, says: "It is of largest size, excellent quality, a regular and most prolific bearer, and in beauty excelled by no other peach. It is a rich golden yellow, with carmine cheek, flesh firm, deep yellow, and bright red at the stone. It is a freestone, very late, a heavy and sure cropper, and most profitable for market."

Yellow Mystery—A large round yellow peach with crimson cheek. It is a handsome variety, with firm luscious yellow flesh; moderately early; tree vigorous and productive.

NEW PEACHES.

2/6 each.

Champion—A new hardy, early variety of largest size, highest flavour and best shipper of early peaches, a perfect freestone, colour beautiful creamy white, with a bright red cheek; very handsome in appearance, and should become a first-class market variety.

Domergue—A new variety imported from France, said to be the earliest peach known, a good bearer, exquisite flavour, freestone.

Gold Dust—A new yellow clingstone peach; this grand peach comes from the United States, where it has the reputation of being one of the finest standard varieties. A prominent Californian writes:—"Best clingstone ever seen. Originated with and introduced by Stark Bros., and is destined to take the place of all other yellow clings now grown. Large, round, deep yellow with a red cheek; flesh very rich, yellow, and juicy, of unusually fine quality."

Milner's Earliest of All—A Sydney variety, said to be very early, of good colour and flavour, comes in with "Brigg's Red May," carries well, clingstone.

Oriole—Said to be of Chinese origin, very large, of the best quality, rich yellow colour, of the highest flavour and among the earliest, freestone.

Osprey—A large and handsome peach, greenish-white nearly covered and mottled with red; flesh rich, melting and delicious; ripens just after "Sea Eagle," on which it is a great improvement, being superior in quality and flavour, and is an equally good cropper. The most valuable and best peach of its season either for market or private use.

Ulatis—A seedling of "Alexander," ripening just after the very early varieties, thus filling the gap before "Hale's Early" comes in. Colour bright red, flesh white, perfect freestone; a valuable early shipping and market variety.

PEARS.

All on Seedling Stocks.

Price—12/- per dozen, or £3/15/- per 100.

Albert Burbridge.

Bailey's Bergamot—A splendid pear, rich and melting; tree, strong grower and very productive.

Bartlett—See "Williams' Bon Chretien."

Beurre Bosc—A large dessert pear of a first-rate quality; medium.

„ **Brown**—An old favourite dessert pear; medium.

„ **Clairgeau**—A large pear of first quality; late.

„ **d'Anjou**—Large, melting, and juicy; medium.

„ **de Capiaumont**—A first-class market pear, very prolific and hardy; medium.

PEARS (CONTINUED).

Black Achan—Large, one of the best cooking varieties; late.

Broompark—Medium size; an excellent dessert pear; late.

Charles Cognac.

Citron des Carmes—Melting and juicy; very early.

Comte de Chambord—An excellent pear, large and good bearer; late.

Daimyo—A strong growing variety, very large, and distinct foliage; fruit medium size, golden yellow.

Doyenne Boussoch—Melting and juicy, first-class; medium.

„ **du Comice**—Large, rich, and melting; medium.

„ **d'Ete**—Small, juicy, and richly flavoured; early.

Elizabeth Cole—Flesh very tender, buttery, melting, rich, and of honeyed sweetness; late.

Elizabeth Sophia—Medium size, short, pyramidal, yellow and rich; medium.

Eyewood—A medium-sized pear; good bearer, and suited for export; medium.

Flemish Beauty—A splendid dessert pear; medium.

Gansell's Bergamot—One of the finest dessert pears; medium.

Gibling's Seedling—A favourite pear in Tasmania.

Idaho—Large globular yellow, fine grained, buttery, and melting; late.

Jargonelle—A well-known early pear.

Josephine de Malignes—A most delicious pear, also one of the longest keeping sorts; late.

Joyau de September.

Keiffer's Hybrid—A very hardy and prolific variety, with a distinct pineapple flavour; late.

L'Inconnue—Medium size; a delicious late pear and heavy bearer.

Louise Bonne of Jersey—Melting, very juicy, and delicious; medium.

Madame Cole—A splendid late dessert variety.

Marie Louise—One of the best dessert; medium.

Pitmaston Duchess—A very handsome pear, of finest quality; medium.

Seckle—A small pear, sweet and rich; medium.

Tashir—A Japanese variety, fine yellow, heavy bearer, first class.

Uvedale's St. Germain—Very large; a fine stewing pear; late.

Vicar of Winkfield—Large, melting, and very juicy; a very heavy bearer, and good market pear; late.

Williams' Bon Chretien—Large, buttery, and melting; one of the finest summer pears grown; early.

Winter Cole—Melting, juicy, rich, and of exquisite flavour; a first-class pear; late.

Winter Nelis—One of the finest flavoured late dessert pears.

PEARS.

New and Recently Introduced.

Bergamotte Prince Rodolph d'Autriche—Medium to large size; skin smooth; colour pale green, turning to golden lemon when ripe; flesh very melting. 2/- each.

Bessamianka—The hardiest pear grown. Fruit medium-sized, perfect pear-shape, and nearly or quite seedless. Flesh tender, juicy, mild, sub-acid, almost buttery. A good dessert pear. Ripe early autumn. 2/- each.

Beurre de Mortillet—A large and handsome fruit of obovate shape, 5 to 6 inches long. The flesh is white and pleasantly flavoured. 2/6 each.

Beurre Fonqueray—A large and handsome pear. The blossoms seem to resist spring frosts better than those of most varieties of French origin. The tree is a stout, sturdy grower, and heavy cropper. First-class certificates from the Royal Horticultural Society, and at the Garden and Forestry Exhibition at Earl's Court. 2/- each.

Conference (Rivers)—Fruit large pyriform; skin dark green and russet; flesh salmon-coloured, melting, juicy and rich; tree robust and hardy, making a strong, healthy growth on both pear and quince stocks. Very prolific, a good garden and orchard fruit, and a valuable market sort. 2/- each.

Dempsey—A cross between "Williams' Bon Chretien" and "Duchesse d'Angouleme;" fruit large, skin yellow, tinted with brown on the sunny side; flesh white, fine grained, tender, buttery, with a rich, sweet, and delicious flavour; medium. 2/6 each.

Fertility—A variety raised by Mr. Rivers. Ripens same time as "Louise Bonne of Jersey;" large fruit, of brilliant colour and high flavour. The tree is a vigorous and healthy grower, and most valuable for market. It has never failed to produce a crop, and cannot be recommended too highly. 2/- each.

Japanese Golden Russet—A cooking pear, remarkable for early bearing; late. 2/- each.

Koonce—Tree is a vigorous grower and a heavy bearer. The very best early pear; and of great market value. Fruit golden yellow, with beautiful red cheek; does not rot at the core. 2/- each.

Lawson—A dessert pear. Crimson on a bright yellow ground; juicy, pleasant; a good keeper and shipper. The largest early pear. 2/- each.

Le Lectier—A grand new pear which originated at Orleans (France). The result of a cross between "William's Bon Chretien" and "Bergamotte Fortune." Tall, erect, well-shaped and vigorous, and regular bearer. Flesh fine melting, very juicy, highly perfumed, without granulations. This variety is one of the very best of its season. Ripe end of April. 2/- each.

PEARS (CONTINUED).

Madame Lang—Fruit of medium size, roundish obovate; skin smooth, greenish yellow, covered with russet dots; flesh, white, buttery, melting, sweet, and with a strong musky aroma. This is a seedling from "Josephine de Malines," and a prolific bearer. 2/- each.

Mount Vernon—Large, nearly globular; colour rich cinnamon russet; flesh juicy, melting, with a spicy vinous flavour which is peculiar and distinct from that of any other known sort; tree is a vigorous grower and comes into bearing early; late. 2/6 each.

Senateur Belle—A seedling of "Easter Beurre." Very large and nice fruit; skin smooth, golden yellow; flesh fine, yellow, juicy, and highly perfumed; much recommended; late. 2/6 each.

Souvenir de Jules Guindon—A seedling of "Easter Beurre." Very large fruit; skin smooth clear green, turning yellow a long time before ripening; flesh fine, rich, juicy, and highly perfumed; late. 2/6 each.

Vermont Beauty—A beautiful new seedling pear; medium size, roundish; skin yellow, nearly covered with carmine; flesh melting, sprightly, and good; tree hardy, healthy, and very productive; a very handsome pear of greatest excellence. 2/6 each.

Wilder—One of the earliest; good keeper and shipper; tree very vigorous; fruit medium, bell-shaped; pale yellow with deep shading of brownish carmine; flesh whitish yellow, fine grained, tender; flavour sub-acid, sprightly, of good quality; very productive, probably the best early market pear. 2/6 each.

PLUMS.

Price—12/- per dozen; £3/15/- per 100.

Angelina Burdett—Juicy, rich and highly flavoured, purple; early.

Autumn Compote—A fine preserving plum; medium.

Belle de Louvain—Large purplish red, a cooking plum, and a good bearer; medium.

Brahy's Green Gage—This is a very fine large green gage plum; late.

Bryanston Gage—Pale yellow, juicy and sweet; medium.

Clyman—This valuable early plum was raised in California, and is supposed to be a seedling of "Peach Plum." United States pomologist Van Deman says of it:—"The Clyman is not only a novelty, but a noteworthy departure from the usual type of *Prunus Domestica*. The tree is a very vigorous grower. The fruit ripens fully four to six weeks in advance of ordinary plums. The skin is a dark purple, with a heavy bloom over all, which gives it a rich bluish colour. The flesh is yellow, firm, and of delicious flavour. When ripe it is a perfect free-stone. The principal merit over the old varieties lies in its earliness, which makes it profitable for market purposes long before all other plums of this class." 2/- each.

PLUMS (CONTINUED).

Coe's Golden Drop—A splendid variety, large yellow; medium.

„ **Late Red**—Valued on account of its lateness; very late.

Damson, American—Small purple, juicy, sweet; early.

„ **Cole's Superior**—One of the best; late.

„ **Crittenden's**—Large, free bearer; late.

„ **French**—A small black plum, useful for preserving; late.

„ **Shropshire**—The best for jam; medium.

Decaisne—Large oval yellow, a rich dessert plum.

De Montford—A beautiful flavoured plum of the finest quality; early.

Diamond—Very large dark purple, splendid for preserving, and a heavy bearer; medium.

Duke of Edinburgh—A beautiful large red plum; medium.

Early Orleans—A fine early cooking plum.

Evans' Early—Large black, covered with bright blue bloom, the earliest plum grown.

Goliath—A showy and good preserving plum; medium.

Grand Duke—Very large purple, richly flavoured, very productive, considered the best late plum grown.

Green Gage—A well-known delicious plum; medium.

Hill End—A large purple plum, much recommended by our friend the late Mr. Neilson; early.

Ickworth's Imperatrice—Medium size, purple, firm, rich and juicy; a good drying variety.

Kirk's—Large black, a very fine variety; medium.

Large Black Imperial—Very large, an excellent cooking plum, dark purple; medium.

Late Black Orleans—Reddish purple, good quality, and a great bearer; late.

Lombard—Medium size, violet red, first class for preserves or dessert. This plum is said to take the lead for productiveness.

Magnum Bonum Yellow—One of the best culinary plums, and a heavy and regular bearer; large, yellow; late.

Magnum Bonum Red—A large red culinary plum.

McLaughlin—A large delicious plum of the green-gage race, makes an excellent sweetmeat when dried; medium.

October Green Gage—A first-class plum; late.

Oullin's Golden Gage—Rich yellow, first-class dessert; early.

Peach—Bright red, a fine dessert variety; early.

Pissardii—Small fruit of little value; foliage crimson purple, giving it a striking appearance as an ornamental tree.

Pond's Seedling—Large red, a good bearer, a first-class market plum; late.

Prince Engelbert—A fine large purple plum, good as dessert or cooking; medium.

PLUMS (CONTINUED).

Princess Alexandra—A large red plum; medium.

Prune Bulgarian—Medium size, dark purple, sweet, and valuable for drying.

„ **d'Agen**—This is said to be the finest of all the prunes; large violet-purple; medium.

„ **d'Ente**—A Californian variety.

„ **French**—A very rich preserving and drying plum; late.

„ **German**—A most valuable drying plum; medium.

„ **Golden**—Originated from seed of the “Italian Prune.” Fruit very large, light golden colour, exquisite flavour. Dries beautifully, when dried 24 are said to weigh 1lb. A strong grower, with heavy dark-green foliage. An abundant bearer, and one of the finest canning fruits known. Easily peeled and separates readily from the stone. This is the best yellow prune, both for quality and productiveness.

„ **Italian** (Felleberg)—One of the best drying plums; medium.

„ **Mirabelle von Flowtows**—A very large oval plum, somewhat resembling “Coe's Golden Drop,” to which it is equal in flavour, but it is fit for use much earlier.

„ **Silver**—This plum is said to be a seedling from “Coe's Golden Drop,” but larger and more productive, and to be the best canning variety.

Red Cherry—A well-known early plum.

Reine Cloude de Bavey—A most exquisite dessert plum of the green-gage type; late.

Reine Victoria—Very juicy, rich, and agreeable; purple; late.

Rivers' Early Prolific—A medium-size plum, very prolific; early.

Sultan—A culinary plum of great excellence; dark purple; early.

The Czar—A large purple variety, very rich; an abundant bearer; a most valuable early market plum.

Washington—Large roundish yellow, one of the best; medium.

JAPANESE PLUMS.

Price—1/6 each, or 15/- per dozen; £5 per 100.

This is a unique class of Plums, of great beauty and productiveness. The fruit is exquisitely perfumed, and with a charming attractive bloom. The trees are exceedingly ornamental, and quite distinct from other varieties. The flesh is so firm and meaty that they can be safely shipped long distances, and kept in excellent condition. They are early, prolific bearers, and well worthy a trial by the fruit-growers.

Botan or Abundance—Very large, showy, and beautiful; amber, turning to a rich, bright cherry colour, with a white bloom; flesh yellow, juicy, tender, and of delicious sweetness impossible to describe; very early.

JAPANESE PLUMS (CONTINUED).

Burbank—Medium size, nearly globular in shape; colour clear cherry-red, with a thin lilac bloom; flesh deep yellow; very sweet, with a peculiar and agreeable flavour; strong grower, and a most wonderful bearer.

Chabot—This variety bears very young; is a strong grower, and very prolific; fruit greenish purple, with orange-yellow flesh, and very solid; good for drying.

Kelsey (True)—The fruit is very large, with a remarkably small stone. It is of excellent quality, melting, rich, and juicy, and excels all other plums for canning. As a dried fruit it is equal to, if not surpassing, the best dried prunes, and being firm and meaty it possesses superior qualities for carrying long distances. It is very productive, and comes into bearing very early. Colour rich yellow, covered with bright red on the sunny side.

Ogan—A delicious plum, said to be one of the best; a good grower, and very prolific.

Satsuma or Blood Plum—Large and almost globular; the colour is dark red from skin to stone; flesh firm, juicy, and of a rich spicy flavour; a first-class variety.

Universal No. 2—A very early variety.

Yellow Gage—Very heavy bearer.

„ **Japan**—Large and excellent.

NEW JAPANESE PLUMS.

Gold—This plum is a cross between the best American native plum and the Japanese, and said to be the best of its kind. Mr. Burbank writes:—“The ‘Gold’ tree always carries as much as it can hold of its handsome, luscious, golden globes. The plums all grow uniform size, and the tree, loaded with fruit, always brings exclamations of surprise from the few who have been permitted to see it.” “Gold” plum was purchased from Mr. Burbank by Messrs. Stark Bros. for the sum of \$3000. Three thousand dollars (£625) for one tree, but the only one in existence. 2/- each, or £7/10/- per 100.

Wickson—Raised by Mr. Luther Burbank, who says of this new plum:—“Among the many thousands of Japanese plums which I have fruited, this one so far stands pre-eminent in its rare combination of good qualities. The trees grow in vase form, sturdy and upright, yet as gracefully branching as could be desired, and are productive almost to a fault. The fruit is evenly distributed over the tree, and from the time it is half-grown until a few days before ripening is of a pearly white colour, but all at once soft pink shadings creep over it, and in a few days it has changed into a glowing carmine, with a heavy white bloom; the stone is very small, and the flesh is of fine texture, firm, sugary, and delicious, and will keep two weeks or more after ripening, or can be picked when hard and white, and will colour and ripen almost as well as if left on the tree.” I have no doubt that this will prove one of our very best and most profitable plums for market and export. 2/- each, or £7/10/- per 100.

JAPANESE PERSIMMONS.

Price—24/- per doz.

The fruit of the Persimmon, when ripe, is of a deep reddish-orange colour, in shape that of an orange, and some egg-shaped. The flavour, when perfectly ripe, is most luscious. It is best to be kept in a close jar after being picked, and is then most delicious. They ripen their fruit during winter, and in consequence furnish a valuable fruit for the table at a season when fruit is scarce.

Dai Dai Maru	Kurokumo	Shimomaru
Goshu Gakii	Onshiu	Tsuronoku
Goshumaru	Sago Maru	Yemon
Hyakumo	Seedless	Zengi

NEW PERSIMMONS.

2/6 each.

These are supposed to be the best of all the Persimmons. I got these some years ago from Messrs. Pink & Cowan, Queensland, and can now offer one-year-old trees of my own growing.

Flat Ribbed—Often seedless, a heavy cropper, strong grower.

Gibio Shin—This is said to be one of the best introduced, and is much in the way of "Nightingale's Seedless," but ripens later. It is very large and conical, flesh slightly dark, seedless.

Nightingale's Seedless—The best of the lot, fruit slightly conical, a great size, no seeds; the tree has a tendency to bear too heavily; early.

Sugar Loaf—This will be found to be a valuable Persimmon on account of its ripening late. The fruit is rich dark red, long and conical, and hangs well.

William's Seedless—Round, flat, medium; a very heavy cropper when in bearing state, does not bear in a young state; wood upright; early.

QUINCES.

Price—12/- per dozen, or £3/15/- per 100.

Angers—A dwarf growing variety.

Apple—Medium size, very prolific.

Hertfordshire—Large and good.

Master's Early—A very fine early variety.

Pear-shaped—Very large, medium season.

Portugal—A very large late Quince.

Rea's Mammoth—Very large, early, and fine colour.

NEW QUINCES.

Price—2/- each.

Champion—Fruit very large, smooth, handsome and regularly formed; tree very productive; this variety and “Meeche’s” surpass all the others in this respect, bearing abundantly when quite young; the flesh cooks as tender as the apple, and without hard spots or cores; flavour delicate, imparting an exquisite quince taste and odour to any fruit it is cooked with. The earliest to ripen; cannot be too highly recommended.

Fuller—Regular bearer, strong grower; the fruit ripens early, is of the largest size, pyriform in shape, of clear bright lemon-yellow colour, highly flavoured and tender.

Hong Kong—An extraordinary fruit of immense size, often weighing over 2 lbs.; growth and foliage distinct from other kinds. Of no commercial value as a fruit.

Meeche’s Prolific—A valuable addition to the quince family; fruit large, shaped like handsome pears, with smooth, fine skin of orange yellow; flesh fragrant, delicious, tender, and unsurpassed for cooking; ripens just after “Champion.” Tree very hardy; a compact grower and heavy bearer.

Missouri Mammoth—Another remarkable new quince. The fruit grows to an enormous size, with smooth skin and even outline; quite free from undulations around the eye; of mild, pleasant flavour, and unsurpassed for cooking. The tree is a luxuriant grower, bears well and early.

Van Deman—Seedling of “Portugal.” The fruit is of most superb flavour, texture, and quality for all purposes that quinces are used; it is said to be the best of all, and a very heavy and early bearer. It received the Wilder Medal at a meeting of the American Pomological Society, in October, 1891.

FIGS.

Price—1/6 each; 15/- per dozen.

Black Provence	Castle Kennedy	White Ischia
Black Bourjassotte	Doree	„ Bourjassotte
Brown Turkey	Grosse Verte	„ Genoa
Brunswick	Smyrna	„ Marseilles

ORANGES AND LEMONS.

Price—2/6 each; 24/- per dozen.

Blood or Maltese—Fruit medium size, flattened; skin deep red, filled with an abundance of deep red juice; a good grower and ripens early.

Homossassa—Medium size, bright colour, skin smooth, sweet and juicy; keeps and carries well.

Jaffa—Fruit large, nearly seedless, oval, thick skin; tree thornless, with large green foliage; said to be a great bearer.

Mandarin, Beauty of Glen Retreat—For extreme beauty, high flavour, and productiveness it is not surpassed by any other variety, and cannot be too highly recommended.

Mandarin, Canton—Fruit medium sized, quite flat, skin pale yellow; abounding in juice of a rich, high flavour; a strong upright grower and very prolific.

Mandarin, Emperor—The largest of the Mandarins; skin almost red, and loosely attached; flesh very juicy, but not so highly flavoured as "Thorny Mandarin," the most profitable for market.

Mandarin, Thorny—Fruit medium size, quite flat; flesh very juicy; the best flavoured of all the Mandarins, and an immense bearer.

Mediterranean Sweet—Remarkable for its early bearing and late ripening; splendid flavour; one of the most esteemed in California.

Parramatta—Fruit large size, round; skin deep yellow; flesh very juicy, and when trees attain age are of splendid quality; perhaps the best for market from its hardness and productiveness.

Seville—Fruit large size, roundish, rather flattened, very solid; the best variety for marmalade.

Siletta—Fruit large size, flattened; skin pale yellow, very smooth and thin; abounding in juice; hardy and an enormous bearer.

St. Michael—Fruit of largest size; skin deep yellow, smooth and thin; very juicy, but few seeds; a hardy and most profitable market variety.

The Queen—Large, round, skin thin and deeply coloured; splendid flavour and good cropper; a first-class variety.

Valencia Late—Large, oblong and firm. This orange is very late in ripening, and valuable on that account, as it would be marketable when other varieties are done.

Washington Navel—This is in all respects equal or superior to the "Bahia Navel," but unlike that variety it is a good cropper; in California considered to be the best of all oranges. I have seen quite small trees of this variety, in Sydney, loaded with most beautiful fruit.

Lemon, Eureka—Very like the "Lisbon," but trees almost thornless.

Lemon, Heong Leong—Fruit of large size, but coarse, full of juice, but not equal to "Lisbon" in flavour.

ORANGES AND LEMONS (CONTINUED).

- Lemon, Lisbon**—A well-known variety, and probably the best of all.
- Lemon, Lisbon Thornless**—Fruit larger than "Lisbon" and a little coarser; tree, a spreading and vigorous grower.
- Lemon, Lisbon Variegata**—Leaves beautifully variegated; fruit small, similar to "Lisbon," but inferior.
- Lemon, Villa Franca**—Claimed to be chiefly a summer-bearing lemon, and on that account very valuable. It is a strong, vigorous grower, with few thorns; fruit oblong, thin skinned and firm, adjudged by the Americans to be the best shipping variety.
- Lime, East Indian**—Large and prolific.
- Lime, Persian or Sweet**—Hardy, and of pleasant flavour.
- Lime, West Indian**—Small and excellent, best for lime-juice.
- Citron, Bengal**—Fruit very large, round, and useful for preserving.
- Citron, Knight's**—Fruit large, oblong, thick skinned, sweet, good for candied peel.
- Shaddock, Common**—Very large fruit.

NUTS AND FILBERTS.

Price—1/6 each.

Cosford			Webb's Prize Exhibition
Red Filbert		" "	Red Skinned
Webb's Prize Cob		" "	White Skinned
" "	Daviana		

WALNUTS.

- Common**—A well-known variety. Per dozen, 12/- to 18/-.
- Dwarf Prolific**—This is a very fine variety, fruiting much earlier than the "Common." Per dozen, 18/- to 24/-.
- Pecan Nut**—This is largely grown in America, and comes into bearing in from eight to ten years; from seeds it bears heavy and regular crops. Nuts long, thin shelled; flesh oily, and of fine flavour. I had only a few trees imported last year. Price, 3/6 each.

SPANISH CHESTNUTS.

- Common**—Per doz., 18/- to 24/-. **French**—Large fruited. Each, 3/6.
- Marrions**—Large. Each, 3/6.

MEDLARS.

- Common**—Each, 1/6. **Monstrous**—Each, 2/-.
- Dutch**—Each, 2/-. **Nottingham**—Each, 2/-.

MULBERRIES.

Black—A well-known variety. Per dozen, 24/-.

White—The leaves of this are used for feeding silkworms. Per dozen, 12/-.

GRAPE VINES.

Price—6/- per dozen.

Black Hamburg	Madresfield Court Black
Black Prince	Muscat
Black St. Peter's	Mrs. Princes Black Muscat
Canon Hall Muscat	Muscat d'Out
Champion Muscat	Muscat Gordo Blanco
Chasselas Rose	Muscat Hamburg
Cornichon Blanc	Raisin des Dames
Golden Champion	Red Prince
Golden Chasselas	Royal Ascot
Gros Colmar	Sweetwater
Lady's Finger	Waltham Cross
Lady Down's Seedling	Wantage
Melville Castle	

GOOSEBERRIES.

Price—4/- to 6/- per dozen.

Alma (white)	Gretna Green (green)	Postman (white)
Billy Dean (red)	Heart of Oak (green)	Queen of Sheba
Bright Venus (white)	Hero of the Nile	(white)
Clayton (red)	(white)	Red Ocean (red)
Conquering Hero	High Sheriff (yellow)	Rifleman (red)
(red)	Keen's Seedling	Roaring Lion (red)
Crown Bob (red)	(red)	Rookwood (yellow)
Dan's Mistake (red)	Keepsake (white)	Smiling Beauty
Dobson's Seedling	Lady Leicester	(white)
(green)	(white)	Thumper (green)
Dublin (yellow)	Large Red	Trumpeter (yellow)
Early Green (green)	Large White	Turnout (yellow)
Early Sulphur	Leveller (yellow)	Warrington (red)
(yellow)	Lord Crew (green)	White Lion (white)
Gill's Seedling	Mitre (white)	Whitesmith (white)
(green)	Ploughboy (red)	Yellow Lion (yellow)

CURRENTS.

Price—4/- to 6/- per dozen.

Black Grape	La Versailles (red)
Black Naples	Lee's Prolific (black)
Carter's Black Champion	Red Cherry
Chenanceau (red)	White Dutch
Dunnatt's Champion (black)	White Imperial
Fay's Prolific (red)	Wilmot's White
Laing's Mammoth (red)	

RASPBERRIES.

Belle de Fontenay—2/- per dozen; 10/- per 100

Cornwell's Yellow—2/- per dozen; 10/- per 100.

Cuthbert (Queen of the Market)—This variety is more largely grown for market purposes than any other red raspberry in America. It is a sturdy grower and does not require tying or staking. Fruit medium size, good flavour. 2/6 per dozen.

Fastolf—2/- per dozen; 10/- per 100.

Franconia—A first-class red raspberry; fruit very large, of good flavour and a strong grower; about two weeks earlier than "Northumberland Fillbasket." 2/6 per dozen.

Golden Queen—A seedling from "Cuthbert," resembling that variety in hardiness and vigorous growth. A most abundant bearer, producing fruits of the largest size and delicious flavour; colour beautiful yellow. 2/6 per dozen.

Imperial—A strong growing variety after the style of "Cuthbert;" fruit large, red, and fine. 2/6 per dozen.

Northumberland Fillbasket—The best of all raspberries for all purposes, fruit very large, and heavy bearer. 7/6 to 10/- per 100. Special quotation for 1000.

Northumberland Fillbasket, Thornless—This is exactly the same in fruit and foliage as "Northumberland Fillbasket," but the canes are entirely free from thorns, being perfectly smooth. This should prove a great advantage and labour saving in tying them up, and they must become a favourite variety with raspberry growers. 2/6 per dozen, or 15/- per 100.

Royal Church—Imported from France; strong growing, large size, delicious flavour, very productive; ripens earlier than "Cuthbert." 5/- per dozen.

Semper Fidelis—2/- per dozen; 10/- per 100.

Yellow Antwerp—2/- per dozen; 10/- per 100.

BLACK CAP RASPBERRIES.

Davidson's Thornless—This is a thornless variety of free growth, but has not fruited with me yet. 1/- each.

Gregg—The largest and best of all the Black Caps; fruit firm, dark purple, with heavy bloom; an abundant bearer. 1/- each.

Mammoth Cluster—This is one of the largest fruits of the Black Cap, and a free bearer. 1/- each.

BLACKBERRIES, &c.

Crandell's—This variety blooms all throughout the winter months, but so far I have not found the fruit of much use. 6/- per dozen.

Himalayan—A very strong grower, with very large fruit; heavy bearer; one of the best. 9/- per dozen.

Italian Cut-leaved—This variety has most beautiful foliage in the autumn, and very fair fruit. 9/- per dozen.

Lawton's—This is perhaps the best of all for market; it grows more like a raspberry, the bearing canes dying each year. With plenty of moisture the fruit is very large, and an enormous cropper. 6/- per dozen, or 20/- per 100.

Lucretia Dewberry—A new trailing blackberry, bearing large luscious berries in the greatest profusion. 6/- per dozen.

Wilson's Junior—Rather smaller fruit than "Lawton's," which it resembles, but ripens much earlier. 6/- per dozen.

Japanese Golden Mayberry (*rubus incisus*)—A strong growing variety of the bramble class, with very pretty, much-divided foliage, large bell-shaped pendulous blossoms, followed by large, sweet, luscious berries of a golden colour. 6/- per dozen.

Japanese Wineberry—The fruit is similar to raspberry in shape; colour bright glossy scarlet; sweet, juicy, and of agreeable flavour; strong grower, and quite an ornamental shrub. This fruit is only good in cool, moist districts. 9d. each, or 6/- per dozen.

MISCELLANEOUS FRUITS, &c.

Berberry (*Berberis vulgaris*)—1/- each, 9/- per dozen.

Guava (*Psidium cattleyanum*)—1/- each, 9/- per dozen.

Loquat (*Eriobotrya Japonica*)—1/- each, 9/- per dozen.

Olives (*Olea Europea*)—1/6 each.

Passion Fruit (*Passiflora edulis*)—1/- each, 9/- per dozen.

Pomegranate (*Punica granatum*)—1/- each, 9/- per dozen.

Sweet Bay (*Laurus Nobilis*)—1/- each, 9/- per dozen.

STRAWBERRIES.

Bidwell—This is an enormous bearer. I have counted over 100 on a single plant planted last May. It is of fair flavour, and should prove a valuable market variety. Late. 5/- per 100.

British Queen—Fruit large, pale red, one of the very best flavoured varieties grown, does well in cool districts only. 2/- per dozen.

Captain—This is the gem of all the strawberries either for market or home use. The fruit is large, of a brilliant waxy scarlet colour, good quality, very firm, and carries well. It requires good rich soil to bear well. Early. 3/6 per 100, 20/- per 1000.

Cockscomb—Fruit very large, flesh white with a rosy tinge, richly flavoured. 2/- per dozen.

Commander—The fruit is of large size, very rich and vinous in flavour, ripening well at the points; medium. 2/- per dozen.

Comte de Paris—Fruit large, colour scarlet, flesh pale red, with a brisk acid flavour. 2/- per dozen.

Counts—Large, round, scarlet colour, good flavour, a very strong grower and good cropper; medium. 2/- per dozen.

Countess—Large, second early, good colour and flavour, cockscomb shape. Early. 2/- per dozen.

Crimson Cluster—Fruit medium size, roundish, dark red colour, good flavour, and free bearer. 2/- per dozen.

Dr. Hogg—One of the finest of late Strawberries, fruit of large size, quality first rate, but does not succeed in all localities. 3/- per dozen.

Duke of Athol—A recently introduced variety, medium size, fruit of good flavour. 2/- per dozen.

Duke de Malakoff—Fruit large, roundish or cockscomb shaped, very fine flavour. 2/- per dozen.

Early Hardy—Medium size, good flavour. 2/- per dozen.

Early White—An early white variety. 2/- per dozen.

Edith Christy—A well-known variety, pale and bright red, flesh tender, juicy and richly flavoured, an abundant bearer. 2/6 per 100.

Elton—Fruit large, colour bright crimson, flesh red, firm, and solid, with brisk sub-acid flavour. 2/- per dozen.

Frogmore Late Pine—Large, conical and cockscomb shaped, flesh red and richly flavoured. 2/- per dozen.

Garibaldi—An excellent early Strawberry, of good qualities, strong grower and free bearer; early. 2/- per dozen.

Grove End Scarlet—Medium size, bright scarlet, good flavour. 2/- per dozen.

Hautbois—A white Strawberry. This is quite distinct from "White Chilian," which is often sold for "Hautbois" in the colony. 2/- per dozen.

STRAWBERRIES (CONTINUED).

- I.X.L.**—Medium size, colour bright red, good flavour. 2/- per dozen.
- La Chalonnaise**—Large, bright pale scarlet, flesh white, flavour rich and juicy. 2/- per dozen.
- La Grosse Sucree**—The best Strawberry of the "Keen's Seedling" type, both for bearing and flavour. 2/- per dozen.
- La Marguerite**—A well-known variety, very large, splendid bright scarlet colour, a heavy bearer, and one of the best market varieties; early. 2/6 per 100, 15/- per 1000.
- Lee's Prolific**—Large fruit, an enormous bearer. I have counted on one single plant, planted last May, 100 fine fruits. It is of good flavour and colour, and should become a good market variety; rather late. 2/- per dozen, 7/6 per 100.
- Leonce de Lambertye**—Fruit large, bright shining red, very much after the style of "La Marguerite." 2/- per dozen.
- Melon**—Medium size, dark colour, prolific. 2/- per dozen, 5/- per 100.
- Myatt's Pine**—Medium size, excellent flavour, and prolific. 5/- per 100.
- Myatt's Surprise**—This is a most excellent variety, very highly coloured; flesh firm, juicy, and rich; carries well, and is really first-class. It does not do well in all districts, and requires to be planted every other year; rather late. 3/6 per 100.
- Noble (Laxton's)**—This is one of the finest earlier varieties; fruit large; colour dark red; a very heavy bearer. Plants very scarce. 6/- per dozen.
- Oscar**—Large, dark shining red, firm, juicy, and richly flavoured. 2/- per dozen.
- Pauline**—Fruit long and handsome, good bearer; early. 3/- per dozen.
- Pink's Prolific**—Fruit large; colour bright scarlet; flavour excellent, This variety was raised by Mr. Pink, nurseryman, Queensland, and promises to be one of our very best early strawberries. 2/- per doz., 5/- per 100.
- Pioneer**—Large, bright red, roundish, good flavour, strong grower, and prolific; medium. 2/- per dozen.
- President**—Fruit large; colour bright crimson; flavour excellent; hardy and prolific. 2/- per doz., 5/- per 100.
- Red Chilian**—This is a much superior variety to the "White Chilian;" fruit large; colour bright pink and red; good bearer. 2/- per doz., 10/- per 100.
- Rifleman**—Large, bright salmon red; a good bearer. 2/- per dozen.
- Royal Sovereign**—The fruit is of the largest size, conical and sometimes flattened in shape; the colour all over is a glossy bright scarlet; the flesh exceedingly firm and white; flavour first class. This is really a first-class market variety, being very hardy, prolific, and carries well. 3/- per doz., 15/- per 100.
- Sharpless**—The fruit is very large, clear, bright red, with a shining surface, flesh firm and of excellent flavour. The plant is very hardy and a vigorous grower, a most abundant bearer, and is not injured by drought or cold. This is the leading variety in America. 3/- per doz., 15/- per 100.

STRAWBERRIES (CONTINUED).

- Sir Joseph Paxton**—Large, bright shining crimson, rich, and highly flavoured; early. 2/- per dozen.
- Stirling Castle Pine**—Large, bright scarlet, brisk, and of excellent flavour. 2/- per dozen.
- Trollope's Victoria**—A very fine and well-known variety; fruit large, round, good colour and flavour; a first-class market variety; late. 2/6 per 100.
- Victor Douy**—Imported from France, fruit very large, bright red, flesh salmon colour, melting, juicy, very sweet and exceedingly perfumed, very hardy and prolific, and promises to be a first-class market variety. 1/6 each.
- White Chilian**—Large, round, white variety; grows and fruits well in poor soil. 2/6 per 100, 15/- per 1000.

ASPARAGUS.

- Argenteul Purple**—5/- per 100. **Conover's Colossal**—5/- per 100.

RHUBARB.

- Early Albert**—A fine early, medium size rhubarb. 9/- per dozen.
- Hogan's Shillaleh**—Very hardy and prolific, large, and of good quality. 9/- per doz.
- Johnston's St. Martin's**—A fine large variety of good flavour. 9/- per dozen.
- Myatt's Linnaeus**—Very early and prolific, flavour all that can be desired; a valuable variety for general use. 9/- per dozen.
- Seedlings**—Various in size and quality. 6/- per dozen.
- Topp's Winter**—This is a most valuable variety, as it furnishes a large quantity of stems; very fine flavour and colour all through the winter months, when fruit is scarce. 9/- per dozen.
- Webb's Buninyong**—Large, good flavour, and very prolific. One of the very best for all purposes. 9/- per dozen.

ARTICHOKES.

- Chinese**—6d. and 1/- per packet. **Sutton's White (New)**—4d. per lb.
- Jerusalem**—3d. per lb.

HERBS.

- Price—3/- per dozen.**
Chives, Mint, Sage, and Thyme.

ORNAMENTAL TREES.

For Shade and Street Planting.

- Ash, Common, 18/- per dozen.
 Beech, Common, 18/- per dozen.
 „ Purple, 2/- each.
 Birch (*Betula alba*), 18/- per dozen.
 Elms, English, £5 to £7/10/- per 100.
 „ Canadian, £5 to £7/10/- per 100.
 „ Chichester, £5 to £7/10/- per 100.
 „ Cork, £5 to £7/10/- per 100.
 „ Crispum, 2/- each.
 „ Huntingdon, £5 to £7/10/- per 100.
 „ Monumentalis, 2/- each.
 „ Montana Major, £5 to £7/10/- per 100.
 „ Purple, £5 to £7/10/- per 100.
 „ Viminalis Variegata, 2/- each.
 Horse Chestnuts, 2/- each, 18/- per dozen.
 Hickory (*Carya sulcata*), 2/- each.
 Laburnum (*Cytisus Laburnum*), 12/- per dozen.
 „ (*Cytisus Adami*), 12/- per dozen.
 Mountain Ash (*Pyrus aucuparia*), 18/- per dozen.
 Oaks, English, £5 to £7/10/- per 100.
 Planes, Oriental, £5 to £7/10/- per 100.
 Poplars, Ontario, 12/- per dozen.
 „ Silver, 12/- per dozen.
 Spanish Chestnuts, £5 to £7/10/- per 100.
 Sycamore (*Acer platanoides*), small, 12/- per dozen.
 Tulip Tree (*Leriodendron tulipiferum*), 18/- per dozen.
 Walnuts, Common, £5 to £7/10/- per 100.

PEACHES (Double Flowering).

Price, 18/- per dozen.

Double White.

„ Crimson.

„ Pink.

Double Splendens.

„ Versicolour.

CHERRIES (Double Flowering).

Price, 1/6 each.

Double French White. Double Chinese Pink.
Double Japan (in 10 varieties).

HAWTHORN.

Double and Single Flowering.

Price, 1/6 each.

Double Crimson. Double White.
 " Pink Single Scarlet.
Hawthorn (Quick's) for hedges, 10/- to 15/- per 1000.

Miscellaneous Flowering

SHRUBS, BULBS, ETC.

Azaleas—In 30 varieties. 12/- per dozen.

Camellia Bonomiana—White.

 " **C. M. Hovey**—Deep crimson.

 " **de la Reine**—White, striped rose.

 " **Harriette Beecher**—Bright rose.

 " **Rafia**—Dark Red.

} 2/6 to 5/- each.

Dielytra Spectabilis (Bleeding Heart)—Rose and white 1/- each.

Dracæna Stricta—Palm-like tree, very graceful. 1/6 to 2/6 each.

Lily of the Valley (*Convallaria Japonica*)—White. 1/- each.

Lilium Auratum—The golden-banded Lily of Japan. Colonial grown bulbs. 2/- each, or 18/- per dozen.

 " **Candidum**—Early-flowering white lily. 6d. each.

 " **Speciosum Album**—White Japan lily. 1/- each.

 " " **Rubrum**—Red and white Japan lily. 1/- each.

Magnolia Conspicua—Large, tulip-shaped flower, purple and white, sweetly scented. 2/- each.

Prunus Sinensis, fl. pl. **Rosea**—Double pink plum. 1/- each.

Rose, Cloth of Gold—1/- each.

Spirea Japonica—A pretty herbaceous plant, white feathery-looking flowers. 1/- each.

Valotta Purpurea—Large flowers, orange-scarlet, one of the most beautiful hardy bulbs. 1/- each.

A Few Practical Remedies for Insect Pests, etc.

PEACH APHIS.—This is perhaps one of the most annoying insects we have to contend against. Use 3 pints of kerosene emulsion and 4 pints of tobacco water to 10 gallons of water. Make the tobacco water by boiling a kerosene tin full of tobacco stems and enough water to cover same. These can be bought for 1d. per lb. or less. Kerosene emulsion is made by boiling 10 ounces of common household soap in 1 gallon of water; when dissolved, pour this into 2 gallons of kerosene, and churn it for 10 or 15 minutes; if properly mixed it should remain in appearance like sour milk. I used this mixture last season, and after one spraying there was not an aphid to be found in the whole place.

WOOLLY APHIS, or Apple Blight.—This can only be got rid of by brushing the affected parts with kerosene emulsion diluted with two parts of water; or any kind of vegetable oil is also effective. Spraying is of no use for this insect.

PEAR SLUG.—This is very easily got rid of by spraying with a mixture of 1 ounce of hellebore powder to 2 gallons of water. Mix the powder in a small quantity of water first into a paste, it will then readily mix with a quantity of water. This will also kill caterpillars on vines. The hellebore will remain good on the trees for weeks if not washed off by rain.

CODLIN MOTH.—This is easily got rid of by picking up the fallen fruit every morning and destroying same, as the grub is nearly always in the fruit when it falls. Pigs, cows, fowls, etc., will readily eat such fruit.

SCALE ON ORANGES.—Use kerosene emulsion, 1 gallon to 9 gallons of water; two or three spraying will generally kill them all. Do not use this strength whilst the growth is very young, as it may injure the very tender leaves.

STRAWBERRIES.—In some districts they have been affected with mildew, thus spoiling the fruit and foliage, and stopping the plants from growing. Use a weak solution of Bordeaux mixture in the winter, and in summer when in blossom or fruit. Sulphur put on with a pair of sulphur bellows early in the morning whilst the dew is on them, or immediately after a light shower of rain, repeated two or three times, is effectual. Another serious enemy to the strawberry plant is the chafer grub. This grub feeds on the roots in the winter time, often clearing every fibre of the plant. It also attacks almost any roots, in many places totally destroying the grass. It seems to be indigenous to Europe, Australia, and many other countries. In cold climates it feeds

only in the summer, but here all the year round, but more so in the winter. Its natural food here seems to be the bayonet and swordgrass roots. Young ducks are the best remedy for them, as they will pick them up in the beetle state in the evening and all throughout moonlight nights.

CURL IN PEACHES—This is caused by our changeable climate. The peach trees start to grow very early, and generally in fine warm weather, but after a time we get cold wet weather, which seems to check the sap and stop growth, causing immediately a fungoid to grow on the leaves and young branches. I don't think there is previously any germ of this fungus on the trees. If the spring keeps on warm this disease never appears, and as soon as the hot weather comes it disappears in a few days, and the leaves affected fall off. Spraying with a weak solution of Bordeaux mixture may prevent it. The young trees in nursery rows are hardly ever affected with the curl, probably on account of growing much stronger than older trees, thus resisting the cold wet weather.

One of our very best remedies against beetles, wood-lice, grasshoppers, and grubs of all kinds are young ducks and chickens—no orchard should be without these. Poultry farming could easily be made profitable in conjunction with fruit growing during the summer months, as they will cost very little. They find a lot of food in an orchard, such as insects, young weeds, etc., of which they are very fond. When full grown they should be marketed, as they are then less useful, and not so fond of hunting insects.



TABLE

Showing the Number of Plants required for an Acre of Land.

Distance Apart.	Number of Plants.	Distance Apart.	Number of Plants.	Distance Apart.	Number of Plants.
Feet.		Feet.		Feet.	
30	48	16	169	8	680
28	55	15	193	7	889
26	64	14	222	6	1201
24	75	13	257	5	1742
22	90	12	302	4	2722
20	100	11	360	3	4840
19	120	10	435	2	10890
18	134	9	537	1	43560
17	150				

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NURSERY NOTES.

THE district of Gembrook is a large one, and may be reached from half-a-dozen stations on the Gippsland railway. It is already well known as possessing some very fertile soil, while from many points extensive views of mountain scenery are to be had, to say nothing of occasional peeps of Port Phillip Bay right down to the Heads, and also of the nearer bay of Westernport, with French and Phillip Islands and the Bass Ranges beyond. It is probable that it will be still better known as possessing a fruit-tree and general nursery and fruit garden ranking not second to any in the colony.

About 14 miles in a north-easterly direction from the Narre Warren Railway Station, right away in the heart of the Dandenong Ranges, and a little off the main coach track, you come upon the property of Mr. C. A. Nobelius. To anyone who saw this neighbourhood a short ten years ago, with its gigantic gum trees, 20 to 25 feet in circumference, to see it now would be a revelation of what energy and industry, with only a moderate amount of capital, can do. The entire estate consists of 150 acres; of this some 33 acres have been entirely cleared and grubbed, and are now stocked with one of the largest collections of fruit and forest trees to be found in Victoria, and all splendid, healthy, young stuff.

The outlay upon this place has been large; no one less courageous than the owner would have entered upon such a speculation, but he is quite sanguine as to the results. Even already the latter have exceeded his anticipations considerably.

The present house is situated on the bank of a small but ever-running creek, whose waters could be carried right to the top of the cultivated portion of the property, and made to irrigate the whole at an estimated cost of £200; but Mr. Nobelius does not see the necessity of irrigation; for even with the present long dry season the whole of his trees are looking in the very pink of health, and show no sign of suffering from drought.

The situation of the nursery is excel-

lent, facing nearly due east, and protected from cold harsh winds by timber and projecting spurs of the ranges. Seven years ago all the vegetation clothing the banks of the creek adjoining the house was cut down, but the soil is so rich and the climate so genial that there are now silver wattles 30 feet to 40 feet high, while the *prostanthera* and other shrubs grow with almost tropical luxuriance. The lovely coral fern (*Gleichenia microphylla*) could here be gathered by the waggon load.

The whole place, nursery included, is dotted over with the elegant mountain or umbrella fern (*Alsophila Australis*), and these range up to 30 feet in height. It has been found that their presence in no way interferes with the growth of adjacent plants.

Mr. Nobelius knew from experience that in commencing nursery work upon so large a scale he would have to wait for some years ere he could expect much return. He therefore, with a view to almost immediate profit, planted a couple of acres each of raspberries and strawberries. To prove the best variety of the former fruit, several kinds were tested in small patches. After a fair trial, the Northumberland Fillbasket was selected as far and away the best, being a heavy cropper, of good flavour, and producing fewer suckers than many others. Some little while ago a "sport" was observed among the others, which it is thought may be a valuable one, inasmuch as it is perfectly spineless, but in all other respects precisely like its parent. Rasps are grown here on the most approved principle—viz., espalier fashion—and it is held that you get a much heavier crop and finer berries this way than by the old bush fashion; besides, all the fruit is readily visible, and both hands can be engaged picking, with the bucket on the ground. The canes are planted 3 feet apart in the row, and twice this distance from row to row. At the ends of the rows are stout posts, with higher ones at regular distances between, to which are attached two wires, one at the top about 5 feet high, the other at half the height. The ends of the canes are tied to and

twisted round the top wire, so that shortening the cane is not necessary, as in the old-fashioned system of growing them. From this piece of raspberries ($1\frac{3}{4}$ acres only) six tons of fruit were sent away last season; but it is estimated that this year there will be fully nine to ten tons for sale.

Some fifty varieties of strawberries are found at this nursery. The first crop was about over, but enough remained to enable some of the newer kinds to be sampled. For flavour the old British Queen was supreme, but two or three of the others were also very fine. The taste of the Melbournians for strawberries seems to require educating up to a proper standard, for we have been assured that the metropolitan fruiters think very little of flavour when buying, largeness and brightness of colour only being taken into consideration; that a huge overgrown mealy Marguerite is more prized than the less handsome but delicate and rich-flavoured British Queen or Carolina Superba. The Captain, owing to its fine glossy colour and excellent carrying properties, will, it is thought, be one of the most popular of all strawberries.

Mr. Nobelius appears to have great faith in the future extension of fruit-tree planting in the colonies, for his stocks of some trees are immense. In one square alone are 12,000 young apple trees, all of one height and as uniform as lines of soldiers, but these only represent part of the entire number. Of apricots there are said to be upwards of 20,000 worked trees, and comprising a score or so varieties. The catalogue of peaches enumerates some 70 odd varieties, and embraces most of the best American sorts, and in the nursery are 5000 to 6000 young budded plants. Seedlings are chiefly used as stocks upon which to graft named kinds of pears, but the Chinese "sand" pear and also seedling quinces are used, it having been proved that some varieties of pears do better on the quince than on their own stock, fruiting earlier and more abundantly. Of course, this is not a new discovery.

Large stocks of plums are grown, the various kinds of prunes and other drying varieties being in quantity, the best for the latter purpose being reckoned to be D'Agen, French Prune, Coe's Golden Drop, Fellemborg, De Montfort, and Angelina Burdett. There is also a collection of Japanese plums, but they have not been sufficiently tested to speak positively as to their merits.

The system of labelling adopted at this nursery appears to be an excellent

one. Small circular pieces of zinc with numbers stamped in are tacked on to large sticks. The labels are indelible, and practically everlasting.

This is the first time we have heard the Japanese wineberry spoken well of. It is doing grandly here. Perhaps the elevation of the site and special suitability of the soil combine to make it thrive as it does. Mr. Nobelius looks upon it as a fine addition to our table fruits. We came across a fine stock of Spanish chestnuts, and also of walnuts, both the common and also the dwarf prolific variety.

One of the chief features of this establishment is the extensive stock of trees for street and park planting. Of Oriental planes alone there are between five and six thousand fine plants. Elms comprise about a dozen kinds; besides the more popular kinds for street planting there are the silver variegated and a most beautiful golden variety not yet sent out. The trees are all sizes up to 12 feet in height, with fine straight stems. The common but erroneous system of cutting off all the shoots appearing on the stems of these trees is not adopted here; the lateral shoots are just spurred in, thus strengthening the stem and shading the bark from the hot sun at the same time. The best elm for street planting is considered by Mr. Nobelius to be the English (*Ulmus campestris*), but the cork-barked (*U. suberosa*), despite some drawbacks, is very hardy, thriving in soils and situations where others will not.

Of the common English oak, as well as many of the rarer kinds, there is a magnificent lot, while poplars, hollies, rhododendrons, azaleas, and a host of other plants are found in smaller numbers.

Preference is given to the sweet briar as a stock upon which to work some kinds of standard roses; the Marechal Niel is doing particularly well upon it. Few would recognise a bed of Chinese artichoke (*Stachys tubifera*), a comparatively new and very productive vegetable, which should find its way into many private gardens. More space is given to the growing of all kinds of trees in this nursery than is usually the case; in the fine chocolate soil they root well and remove well. The whole garden is a model of order and cleanliness—hardly a weed visible anywhere. A visit to the Gembrook Nurseries, Emerald, will well repay anyone who can appreciate a well-conducted nursery establishment, while portions of the journey between the railway station and the nursery are quite picturesque.

DOES FRUIT-GROWING PAY?

THE above is a question I am often asked by intending planters. I believe that there is no business in Australia that would pay better than fruit-growing if proper varieties were planted, such as can be used in some shape or form for export—either in its natural state, in pulp, dried, or otherwise preserved. There is a good demand for dried fruit, especially prunes, and we have quite an unlimited market for our apples in Europe, whence they can now be shipped in good order.

At present most of our orchards are too small, as there are very few that can ship even 1000 cases at a time. Why do not some of our capitalists try an orchard, say, of 1000 acres? The capital required for buying the land, planting, and keeping in order until in profit would not be over £20,000, as there should be plenty of good orchard land to be had at £5 per acre that would not require much clearing. A nett profit of 1/- per tree would give £5000, or 25 per cent. on the capital, and 1/- per tree would be a very small profit if in full bearing. I have taken as much as 30/- gross off a tree planted about eight years ago. It would not be anything out of the way for a tree to give, in fair seasons, a nett return of 4/- which would just be 100 per cent. on the capital.

Of course an orchard must be well looked after and kept thoroughly clean and free from pests, which is easily done if started in the beginning; the trees must be properly pruned, and a man of thorough knowledge to superintend the whole. The larger the area planted the less will be the cost per tree in working expenses. No crops should be grown between the rows of trees unless manured and kept clean, and then only for two or three years. Peas, potatoes, or other root crops, and strawberries may be grown if soil and climate are suitable, but on no account should hay crops or grain be grown. At least a distance of six or seven feet should be free from any crop on each side of the row of trees, and well cultivated during the summer months.

Small orchards from 5 to 20 acres would not pay a capitalist, but would make a good living for a man and his family with moderate means, and a most pleasant life, as in fruit growing, if he is successful, he can always find a time in the year to enjoy his money. He will have a very busy time during the fruit picking, pruning, and cleaning, but can always find, if his work is well forward, that he can spare a month or so in the year for travelling, or what other enjoyment he likes best.

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